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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF:

Short et al. Grp. Art. Unit: 3686
Application No: 10/652,849 Examiner: Rangrej, Sheetal
Filing Date: 08/29/03 Date: March 20, 2009

METHOD OF PROMOTING
EMPLOYEE WELLNESS AND
HEALTH INSURANCE STRATEGY
FOR SAME

Atty. Dkt. No: S. WELL

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Further to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, Applicant submits the following amendment and response, including each of the listed items beginning on a separate sheet:

1. List of Claims;
2. Remarks;
3. Three-page Federal Register Excerpt: Final Regulations for Health Coverage Portability; Final Rule; dated Thursday, December 30, 2004;
4. Two-page Federal Register Excerpt: Non-discrimination and Wellness Programs in Health Coverage in the Group Market; Final Rules, dated Wednesday, December 13, 2006; and
5. U.S. Department of Labor Field Assistance Bulletin No. 2007-04, dated December 7, 2007.